

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed 8/4/00.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-8.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
- ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
- ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
- ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
- ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Robert E. Bushnell on 11/15/05.

In claim 1, line 6, replace "controller for providing" with - -controller providing- -.

In claim 1, line 6, replace "first signal when each" with - -first signal indicative of whether each- -.

In claim 1, line 12, replace "of a said" with - -of said- -.

In claim 1, line 12, replace "for converting" with - -converting- -.

In claim 4, lines 2, replace "controller" with - -second controller- -.

In claim 5, line 6, replace "said character stream" with - -said incoming character stream- -.

In claim 5, line 9, replace "said character stream" with - -said incoming character stream- -.

In claim 5, line 10, replace "said character stream" with - -said incoming character stream- -.

In claim 5, line 12, replace "said character stream" with - -said incoming character stream- -.

In claim 5, lines 12 and 13 replace "con-verting said character stream" with - - making a conversion of said incoming character stream- -.

In claim 6, line 3, replace "said character stream" with - -said incoming character stream- -.

In claim 6, line 4, replace "converting the character stream" with - -converting the bi-language character stream- -.

In claim 7, lines 2 and 3, replace "step for converting said character stream" with - -conversion of said incoming character stream- -.

In claim 8, line 1, replace "the character stream" with - -the bi-lingual character stream- -.

In claim 8, line 3, replace "the character stream" with - -the bi-lingual character stream- -.

In claim 8, line 4, replace "it is determined" with - -a determination is made of- -.

In claim 8, line 5, replace "if" with - -when- -.

In claim 8, line 7, replace "the character stream" with - -the bi-lingual character stream- -.

In claim 8, line 8, replace "the character stream" with - -the bi-lingual character stream- -.

In claim 8, line 9, replace "it is determined" with - -a determination is made of- -.

In claim 8, line 10, replace "if" with - -when- -.

In claim 8, line 11, replace "the character stream" with - -the bi-lingual character stream- -.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments, see remarks, filed 8/4/00, with respect to claim objections and 35 USC 112 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The objections and rejections have been withdrawn.

Examiner's Comments

3. In response to the Petition decision, 8/10/00, the information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 3/26/98 is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and has been considered by the Examiner. The certified Korean Priority Application No. 97-10419 filed on May 27, 1998 has been acknowledged by the Examiner.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1-8 are allowed.

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

As per claims 1 and 5, the prior art of the combination of art of record do not teach a bi-lingual conversion system for automatically converting a message in a first language into a message in a second language comprising, a first controller for providing a first signal when each of the following conditions has been satisfied: (a) an automatic conversion mode has been selected by a user, (b) a space command has been detected in said incoming character stream. and (c) said incoming character stream agrees with a pronunciation rule of a first language; a second controller. coupled to said first controller and operating in response to receipt of a said first signal, for converting said incoming character

stream into a character stream of said second language according to a pronunciation rule of the second language when said character stream does not agree with said pronunciation rule of the first language.

6. Claims 2-4, and 6-8 are allowed as they depend upon their allowed parent claims.
7. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lamont M. Spooner whose telephone number is 571/272-7613. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richemond Dorvil can be reached on 571/272-7602. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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